

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Jerry Kent was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order. The first order of business was organization. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to retain Gerald Mohr as Chairman and Jerry Kent as Vice-Chairman. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. The motion carried with Gerald Mohr abstaining.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Marvin Hedrick. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRANSFERS

The auditor was granted permission to complete emergency transfers at the end of the year. The only transfer required was \$.58 from travel to supplies in the Superior Court budget. Warren Norris moved to approve the transfer with Charles Smith seconding the action. Motion carried.

As a correction to the Public Defender budget determined during the budget process, the Public Defender Board requests that \$19,552 be moved from Assistant Public Defender to Pauper Attorney. Warren Norris made the motion with Kevin Spilman offering a second. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Deputy Sheriff Terry Drake who was covering in the absence of Sheriff Sherwood reported that there are 42 inmates. Drake also reported that a male inmate had been the cause of several disturbances at the jail and was being moved to Wayne County where he could be isolated at a cost of \$2,200. Battery charges and restitution will be filed against him.

JAIL INSPECTION

Attorney Leigh Morning shared that DLZ would like to present the feasibility study for the jail in a joint session to the Council and Commissioners. It was agreed that the presentation could be held immediately following the February Council meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

APC-Marvin Hedrick reported that the City continues to explore the benefits of a joint or single City Planning Department. Hedrick stated in the event that should happen, the Surveyor has volunteered to incorporate the duties of the APC office into his office.

BZA-Warren Norris stated that the City was granted a variance for a transfer station on the City owned property west of Rushville.

Partners for Progress-Gerald Mohr reported plans continue to purchase the Princess Theater building funded by Foundation money from the Community Center. Brian Sheehan is developing a slide presentation on brand identity for the community.

Community Corrections-In less than a year the Community Corrections program has reached the half way mark of their goal of being self-funded according to Gerald Mohr. They plan on adding another officer in July.

A Disaster Declaration has been signed by Commissioner Bruce Levi for the snow emergency on January 6th & 7th.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Warren Norris. Janet Kile seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor